

REMARKS:

Claims 1, 4-12 and 15-20 are in the case and presented for consideration.

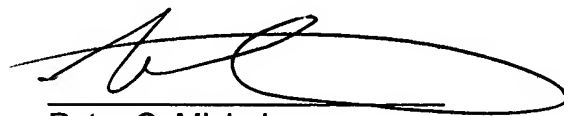
Applicant's thank the examiner for the indication of allowability for the subject matter of claims 3 and 4.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 2 and 3 and, along with its dependant claims, is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 12 has also been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 2 and 3 with regard to the character of the tag and is likewise believed to be in condition for allowance along with its dependant claims.

By this amendment thus the application and claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and further favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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